AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

• Please replace the original specification and abstract with the enclosed substitute specification and abstract.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

 Please replace the drawings filed on February 26, 2001 with the enclosed drawings (5 sheets).

IN THE CLAIMS:

- Please amend the claims as follows:
- 1. (once amended) A method of interrogating at least one fiber optic sensor, the sensor coupled to [the] <u>a</u> pipe and sensing at least one parameter of a fluid in [a] <u>the</u> pipe, the method comprising:

generating successive light pulses;

splitting the light pulses into first light pulses and second light pulses;

delaying the second light pulses a known time period relative to the first pulses;

combining the first and second light pulses onto a single optical fiber;

directing the first and second light pulses through a first periodic grating of low reflectivity, through the optical sensor and through a second periodic grating of low reflectivity;

receiving reflected first light pulses and reflected second light pulses from the first grating;

receiving reflected first light pulses and reflected second light pulses from the second grating; and